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Dear Quilt Sisters,

COME ONE...COME ALL...TO OUR FEBRUARY GATHERING!

As President of the Piecemaker Quilters from Brookhaven, MS, I am so excited to welcome you to the South Central Area! We have lots of things planned during our meeting and some great shopping and some good places to eat and relax while you visit us. We have an excellent program planned for Friday night. We are fortunate to have the Mississippi School of the Arts located here. They have graciously agreed to entertain us for the evening. Their program will showcase the school and what it has to offer to students from all over the country.

Another thing we are doing is raffling off a beautiful batik queen size quilt! It is outstanding!! Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Bring your address labels and save your writing hand!! We also have 3 vendors coming, so bring that checkbook or debit card! I want to thank the members of our guild. We have worked as a team throughout this project! You are a well organized and cooperative group who have worked so hard to make this meeting a success. A big thank you goes to our local guilds and our area businesses who have donated to our cause. So many have given generously and we thank you again. We will have goodie bags and many door prizes. Thanks also to the Thymes Center at Copiah Lincoln Community College for the meeting area and the wonderful food.

See you in February!!

Connie Anderson



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Map located on p. 9 in this issue of Common Thread!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...Billie Thompson

Happy New Year!!! Time to make those quilting resolutions. One thing about a new year is that it gives us a new beginning in our quilting experience. We can chose to complete an old project (UFO-unfinished object) and begin a new one. I love new projects!!

Something that I have done for several years is to make a list of the quilts I would like to make during the coming year. Usually, my goal is to complete five quilts with one of those being hand quilted. Sometimes I surpass this goal; other times I add to my UFO stack. During the past two years, one of the local guilds of which I am a member had a UFO Challenge. For each UFO completed and brought for show-and-tell, you received a fat quarter. There was more involved and I will explain it at the February Gathering if any of the guilds are interested in having a UFO Challenge with their group. Just let me know at the Gathering.

Another project that is a good goal to set is to learn a new technique or method. MQA offers several in their June classes or one of the MQA member/teachers may come to your guild and teach your group. I remember when I learned to do stack-n-whack construction, it opened a whole new world of possibilities in my quilting and a new way of looking at fabric. This year my goal is to make at least one Australian quilt and a 1930's reproduction quilt. That stack of 1930's reproduction fabric in my stash has been talking to me.

I hope everyone that signed up for the President's Challenge Civil War Quilt is about finished with their project. They are to be shown at the February Gathering. There is a prize for everyone who participates. Even if your project is not quite complete, please bring it and show us your progress. We are always inspired by the work and skill of other quilters. My top is finished but now it must be quilted. Hope it is done on time!

The February Gathering is anticipated to be a fun and informative weekend. The Brookhaven guild has worked very hard and I anticipate a great weekend with them. Please make your plans to attend at Copiah Lincoln Community College. The hotel and meal information is located further in this newsletter as well as program information.

The new officers will be presented and the vote taken at the February Gathering and a new year in MQA will begin. I have enjoyed my year as your president and with the help of the fabulous officers who have worked tirelessly for MQA, I believe we have had a successful year. So many members, from the northern state line to the Gulf Coast, have helped to make MQA a viable organization for Mississippi quilters. We need each other. Every lady I have dealt with this past year has been more than helpful to complete the tasks assigned for the benefit of the whole organization. Personally, I am confident of the bright future for Mississippi Quilt Association.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your MQA President 2011—Billie Thompson

Lemonade Maker by Lucy Large

I understand this is a strange title for an article in Common Threads Newsletter, but it describes my quilt journey. Yes, I happen to have had the generational DNA that is in each quilter. I began sewing in high school in a Home Economics class learning the basics. Even though my mother had hand sewn my baby dresses (which I still have --- 70 years old in 2012, what antiques!), she was unable to teach me her skill, and not every mother is a teacher.

Quilting was my mother's hobby, and I would sit and look at the magazines in her home but did not share her zeal. I was still working full time and caring for family members. My son died at the age of 32 with an inoperable brain tumor, and emotionally I was shipwrecked after that event. Shortly thereafter, my husband had a major heart attack and was not expected to live any length of time. With the care of good doctors and the love that I had for him, he survived 6 years, which according to experts, this was a miracle. After my husband's heart attack and death of my son, I was left floundering as to what to do with my life.

My daughter had moved to Mississippi some years earlier, and she encouraged me to relocate near her and my two small grandsons. I was searching for inspiration and purpose. The only people that I knew when I relocated here were my immediate family, but I resolved to create myself a new family, and so I began.

I had always wanted to work at Hancock Fabrics, so that is where it all began. I kept reading in my church bulletin about a quilt guild that met at our facility, so I decided to tip my toe in the water world of quilting and see if I thought I might enjoy this hobby. Joan Alliston was at the meeting and shared with the group about her sister Suzie's death, and I thought maybe quilting was an instrument I could use in helping me to heal emotionally.

Working at Hancock Fabric, they sponsored St. Jude's Hospital, so I decided to make a quilt and submit it to the contest. I picked a pattern by Carol Doak (paper piecing) and of course nothing could have been harder, but I persisted, and won a ribbon in the employee category, so I was hooked.

I continue to take classes and become proficient in my skills. I try to sew everyday on something. I laugh and say I have my own fabric store inside the four walls of my townhouse, so I often go shopping there first. It did take a while for my inventory to develop, but I have been successful.

So if your life gives you a lemon or scraps, make lemonade or a quilt.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT...

We currently have 442 paid members! Benefits of maintaining a current MQA membership include: attending 3 gatherings each year, receiving 3 newsletters, MQA membership roster, educational class each summer with a nationally known instructor, and many more.

To stay current, dues are due by March 31. There are several members paid ahead. You do not have to submit dues if you are paid ahead. New membership cards will be mailed to those who are already current (you should have them by the time this newsletter is published.) You are welcome to contact me if you are not sure or if you just need to update your information (address, phone number, and email vs. regular mail preference.) The dues are \$15 for a year. If you want to pay for more than one year, you are welcome to do that. There is a membership form on the web site and one will be included with this newsletter as well.

It is very important for you to let me know whether we have permission to include your name and information in the annual membership directory. We try very hard to respect privacy requests. If you do not check the "Permission to MQA to publish" option, your name will not be included.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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News from Around the State!

Ackerman—Northeast Scrapers Quilt Guild

Big Point—Gulf Coast Magnolia Quilters

Biloxi—Gulf Coast Lighthouse Quilters

Biloxi—Gulf Coast Sand Stitchers Quilt Guild

This past year we spent time learning various blocks. Kits and instructions were provided at each project night. The blocks were collected at the end of each session. The final session, we put the blocks together into quilt tops which will be quilted and donated to charity. We have also been creating items to be sold in the boutique at our upcoming quilt show (May 19, 2012.) The theme will be "The Gulf Coast, Our Heritage, Our Home." The opportunity quilt is coming along nicely. This coming year we plan to have different members teach on various topics at each of the project nights. We have a lot of talent in our group and decided to share the project night responsibilities.

We meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. 1st Thursday is the business meeting, 3rd Thursday is project night, and all other Thursdays are Sit & Sews (you do not have to be a member to attend Sit & Sews.) All skill levels are welcome. Contact information is on the web site: www.mississippiquilt.org

Brandon—Central Brandon Quilters

Fall is always a busy month for our guild. Following the Greater Jackson Quilt Show and the MQA meeting in Starkville, the members were ready for a retreat. We went to Lake Tiak-O'Khata and had a wonderful time. Eating and sewing must be sort of like

Heaven on earth. We had 23 attendees including 2 spouses. We are going to make this journey again in 2012. Our fall meeting is our annual Auction. Marilyn Rose was a great auctioneer. With the funds that we made, we paid for our catered Christmas meal. We had 45 attendees celebrating the Holiday Season with us. Our guild meets the 1st Monday of each month at the Brandon Library in Brandon MS. at 6:30 pm. Feel free to visit our website at www.brandonquilters.com. Sara McCormick does a great job of keeping up with calendars and events.

Brandon—Central Quilters By Heart's Desire

We ended 2011 with a Thanksgiving meal and our annual Heart Exchange. Several members produced quilts with the borders that had been presented at our meeting. Polly Duggan went the extra mile and made a small quilt using all of the examples. We are looking forward to 2012. Our new President will be Sarah McCormick, VP, Shelley Taylor: Secretary, Jackie Watkins: Treasurer, Karen Petriagnani. Being a small group, it was decided that the board members will be responsible for planning the programs. If you are in our area, please come and visit our group. We meet the 3rd Monday Jan.-Nov. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 900 Grant's Ferry Rd., Brandon MS. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Brandon—Central Mississippi Homemaker Volunteer Quilt Guild of Rankin County

Brookhaven—Southwest Piecemakers Quilters

We have had a very busy year. We had a Guild challenge. Quite

a few of our members entered and you can see the results at the February Gathering.

Our members have been working on a Block of the Month quilt called "Sparkling Sampler". The pattern came from a McCall's Quilting Magazine.

Our biggest endeavor, however, has been our Charity Quilts. We made 130 quilts for the people at the Hazlehurst Nursing Home. We also made some walker and wheel chair bags so they could carry things easier. We also gave baby quilts to "The Center for Pregnancy Choices of Lawrence County" in Montecello. We feel this is a good one as the mothers are given points to earn their quilts with classes and helping around the center.

Our new officers for 2012 are: President – Cindy Hebert; V. Pres.– Jacque Coons; Secretary/ Reporter – Caroline Kluge; Treasurer – Jan Luter; Program Chairpersons: Melody Lowe, Sue Thornton, Marion Blackwell, Connie Anderson and Catherine Taylor; Monthly Fat Quarter Exchange – Judy Payne; Door Prizes: Marilyn Hudson; Charity Chairpersons – Polly Thomasson, Kay Mattos, Melody Lowe, and Cindy Hebert; Advisory Committee – Betty Jo Myers, Polly Thomasson, Becky Sartin, Catherine Taylor and Connie Anderson; Emails and Cards – Jacque Coons

Carlisle—Southwest Bayou Pierre Quilters

Canton—Central Allison Wells Quilters

Clinton—Central Faux Pas Quilters

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**Columbia—Southeast
Jessie's Girls of Quilters**

**Columbia—Southeast
Stitches of Love**

**Columbus—Northeast
Possum Town Quilters**

It has been a busy fall for us. We were very blessed to be able to host Karen Combs for a workshop on scappy quilts. It focused on using value to get a very dramatic effect.

Our officers for the coming year are Watana Cantrell, President; Terry Turnage, Vice President; Donna Hanner, Secretary and Bobbie Hommel, Treasurer. We raffled off a beautiful blue and white quilt that we had worked on during the last year. It was won by one of our member's sister-in-law. Her husband had bought \$20 worth of tickets and put his sister's name on them. We all thought that was so sweet. She is a very giving person and he wanted to do something sweet for her.

We have completed the top of the summer challenge quilt of bird and their homes. It is going to be very pretty. It will be raffled or auctioned by the RAC as part of their annual fund raiser.

We are donating a quilt to the next habitat house on Sunday, December 18.

We have also had a challenge to create a Name that tune block. They were due at the December meeting and there was a lot of creativity shown in showing your block. We will be putting them together in January.

So as you can see it has been a busy fall. We look forward to seeing you all at the next gathering!

Follow our progress at <http://possumtown-quilters.blogspot.com/>, or you can friend us on facebook, just write us a note that you are a MQA member so we know you are legit.

**Corinth—Northeast
Cross City Piecemakers**

**Decatur—East Central
Busy Hands Quilt Guild**

We held our last meeting of 2011 on Dec. 13. Some members delivered 65 lap quilts, 14 decorated Christmas stockings with some goodies and wheelchair bags to nursing homes in adjacent towns. During this past year, a number of lap quilts were delivered to a nursing home in another county. 15 were delivered to persons who are in wheelchairs but not living in nursing homes. One lady in our group did most of the lap quilts delivered to the nursing homes. We had our Christmas lunch & participated in "Dirty Santa." It is amazing to see what members can make!

In 2011, we lost one of our best quilters who was a member of MQA. She is missed by all. We have a new slate of officers for 2012...Brenda Greer, President; Nancy Frederick, Vice President; and Sarah Miller, Secretary/Treasurer. cpsmiller@gmail.com

**Diamond Head—Gulf Coast
Bay Oaks Quilt Guild**

**Gautier—Gulf Coast
Scrappy Quilters**

**Greenville—West Central
Delta Quilters**

**Hattiesburg—Southeast
Pine Belt Quilters**

**Hazelhurst—Southwest
Pieceful Heart Quilters**

**Iuka—Northeast
Needle Chasers of Tishomingo
County**

**Jackson—Central
Jackson Quilters**

Hey from Jackson Quilters! We had a great 2011 year to celebrate our 25th anniversary Jackson Quilters, of quilting with visiting teachers, preparing for the Great

Jackson Quilt show, and completing many charity quilts for "Children at Risk" and "Quilts of Valor". We would like to give a special thanks to Gwen Harris for spearheading and doggedly helping us finish five Quilts of Valor!! Our president, Dorinda Evans challenged all members to make a quilt using a color theme demonstrating one of her "Color Play" lectures. Because of this challenge we have a good start on more charity quilts that can be used as needed in 2012.

Our 2012 board of officers are Mona Crowell-president, Rosemary Taylor-vice president, Carol Kossman-secretary, Roanoke McDonald-treasurer, Rita Warnock and Rynetta Coetzee-program coordinators, Lucy Large-newsletter editor, Sarah McCormick-webmaster, Ann Morrison and Dotty McGee-greeters, Ann Cunningham and Myra Cook-Hostesses, Donna Salami-Historian, and Polly Duggan-charity quilt coordinator. The new board met in early December to discuss plans and goals for 2012, so stay tune for fun and educational opportunities that are planned. If you plan to visit the "Capitol City" be sure to stop by the Ag Museum to see the beautiful nine-patch quilts on display starting in January donated by many Mississippi's outstanding quilters. As a reminder, we meet every fourth Monday at the Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Jackson. Everyone is welcome! Check out our website for specific time, updates on events and directions - www.jacksonquilters.com

**Jackson—Central
Piece and Joy Quilters**

**Kosciusko—Central
Kosciusko Quilters**

**Long Beach—Gulf Coast
Ocean Waves**

Louisville—East Central

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Red Hills Quilters

Another busy year for the Red Hills Quilters. Many thanks to Gloria Reeves our president for the past 2 years as Betty Lewis will assume that responsibility in January. One of the fun blocks we learned how to make was an easy version of the Arrowhead: Sew 2 blocks together, make several strategic cuts and it almost puts itself together. (Makes me wonder how "they" come up with some of these shortcuts.) Another fun and easy quilt we made (especially if you're using jelly rolls) was the 1600 Mile. Several meetings found us making pin cushions to put in the "goody bags" for the Fall Gathering held in Starkville. We enjoyed a wonderful meal in Philadelphia with the Nimble Thimble guild. We concluded the year meeting with the Scrappers (from Ackerman) at Lake Tiak-O'Khata. It's always nice to meet with other quilters and see their Show & Tell and get ideas for more quilts! Red Hills meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 10:00 at the MSU Extension Office--Winston County. 460 Vance Street in Louisville.

**Lucedale—Gulf Coast
Melon Patch Quilters****McComb—Southwest
Pike County Quilters****Meridian—East Central
Magnolia Quilters****Morton—Central
Leesburg Friendship****Moss Point—Gulf Coast
River City Quilters****Natchez—Southwest
Natchez Quilters****New Hebron—Southeast
Threads of Memory****Ocean Springs/Gautier—Gulf****Coast
Magnolia Quilters****Ocean Springs—Gulf Coast
Red Hot Friday Night Strippers****Olive Branch-Northwest
Quilting in the Grove**

Guild members enjoyed our 2nd bi-yearly retreat. Nationally known quilter Julie Sefton presented a trunk show spotlighting her unique and colorful quilts. She challenged us to become involved with the Alzheimer Initiative. This resulted in 2 AI quilts made by Teresa Pino, Cheryl Owens, & Julie Sefton being hung at the International Market in Houston in Nov. Fun was had by all & we can't wait for the next retreat in 2013. Members enjoyed a trip to Jackson for the Fall Gathering. Thanks to the Starkville guilds for all their hard work.

We had a "green" program which resulted in a class where members learned how to turn discarded men's shirts into beautiful quilts. Watch out for QITG members scouring local thrift stores.

Quilting in the Grove Guild meets the 2nd Monday each month. Please contact Sharon Arnold at sewsharon1@gmail.com or 662-229-4193 for meeting times and locations. Visitors are welcome!!!

**Orange Grove—Gulf Coast
Magnolia Quilters****Oxford—Northwest
Piecemakers of Oxford****Phildelphia—East Central
Nimble Thimble Quilters**

Thanks in part to the UFO Challenge our ladies have had a very productive year. For every UFO we hoped to complete during the year a dollar was placed into the kitty. Our name went in the hat for each UFO that became a "FO"! Congratulations to this year's winner Doris Vowell! Productivity continued for some members who also participated in our Block of

the Month Challenge. This year, instead of making applique blocks, we made pieced blocks. It was fun to see how the same blocks could end up so different. It was also a nice way to be introduced to some new blocks and a few old favorites! A few traditions were continued--Carolyn from Village Cloth Shop came with lots of fat quarters and supplies and we entertained the Red Hills Quilters in October where we always enjoy seeing each other's Show and Tell! In January a background fabric is selected, cut into 18 inch squares and given to each member. We then applique something on it using red and green fabrics to make a "Christmas" block. At this year's Christmas Luncheon Eunice Posey received these beautiful blocks in the drawing! Nimble Thimble meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 at New Pleasantsdale Baptist Church in Philadelphia (near Williams Brothers Store in Williamsville).

**Picayune—Gulf Coast
Picayune Piecemakers**

2012 is going to be an exciting year. We elected new officers in Dec. President - Lynda Henery, Pres. Elect - Anne Taylor, Program Director - Glenda Copeland, Secretary - Judy Weldon, Treasurer - Laura Ousset, Newsletter - Mae Foster, Publicity - Cathy Tripp, and Historian - Diana Joseph. We are doing a 2 1/2" x WOF strip swap from a focus fabric, also a fat quarter swap. We are doing 4 charity projects during the year and we have a lending library for the members. if you have any questions or need further information please contact me at quilt-lady39466@yahoo.com Happy Quilting.

**Poplarville—Gulf Coast
Jubilee Quilt Guild**

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**Southaven—Northwest
Quilting in the Grove Guild**

See article under Olive Branch!! We have two meetings on the second Monday of each month. We meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Olive Branch Senior Citizens Building and at 6:00 p.m. at the Southaven Library. We hold our classes, bees, and sew-ins at the various libraries in Hernando, Olive Branch, Horn Lake, and Southaven. The main meeting is in Olive Branch. We have something close to everyone.

**Starkville—Northeast
Golden Triangle Quilters Guild**

Well, here it is 2012. 2011 is so yesterday that it seems a little retro to talk about something that happened way back in October. But that's what I'm going to do. The Golden Triangle Quilt Guild hosted the MQA Fall Gathering on the Mississippi State University campus on 30 Sept and 1 Oct of 2011. As always, MQA provided interesting programs, including a slide show about amazing old quilts held by the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum, presented by Maxine Hamilton. Two sessions of bed-turning showed off quilts young and old: as always, a favorite. Demonstrations on Friday night included construction of a crazy star block by yours truly, an easy method of making half-square triangles by Marilyn Wilson, demonstration of an old treadle Singer by Peg Wehr, care and feeding of Singer Featherweights by Richard Vasek, and Christmas ornaments using folded prairie points by Melanie Moody. Thanks to Linda Levy for arranging such a variety of short subjects. With a little help from our friends in Possum Town Quilters (Columbus), Red Hills (Louisville), Scrappers (Ackerman) and Happy Hoopers (Starkville), we stuffed wonderful goody bags and put together lots of doorprizes. I want to personally thank Dot Livingston for organizing the goody bags and the silent

auction, Melanie Moody for heading up the door prizes. Catering was arranged by Louann Vasek and Everlyn Johnson, who also did the lovely centerpieces for the tables. Thanks to both you gals. Other Guild members made contributions & I want to thank each of you all again. Thanks to MSU and to Patricia Brock who provided the terrific meeting rooms and worked tirelessly to see that we were accommodated with all possible facilities. Thanks to all who made it a great Gathering! Nancy S. Losure, President, Golden Triangle Quilt Guild

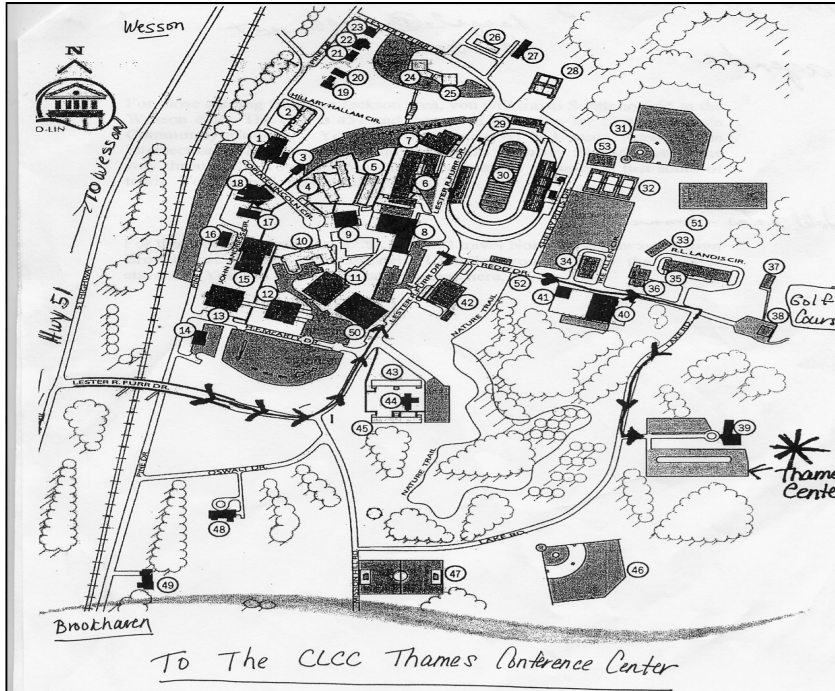
**Woodville—Southwest
Thimbles and Threads**

Members of Thimbles and Threads enjoyed a lovely Christmas party hosted by our President, Dionessia Dawson. Quilters gathered at the J.R. Hamilton Building on Dec. 1. Tables were covered with holiday cloths and colorful centerpieces. After feasting on snacks, pick-up foods and desserts, names were drawn for the door prizes. Cindy Smith was the recipient of the beautiful quilt squares made by members of the guild. What a lovely quilt Cindy will have for Christmas 2012. Now get to work, Cindy! Later in the morning members drew numbers and selected quilt gifts from under the beautifully decorated tree. What a treat that was. As members left the party later everyone wished others a very Merry Christmas. Our next meeting will be held on Jan. 26, 2012. Join us if you are interested in quilting or would like to learn.



Suggestions from the Editor:

- You don't have to list officers but a contact person and a phone number would be great in case someone is visiting in your neck of the woods & would like to drop in on your meeting or has questions.
- Be sure to include any information about your meetings, such as location, time, day of the month, etc. (Ex. 3rd Monday, Jan.-Nov., 7:00 p.m. at _____.) That way you might have the pleasure of a visit from a quilter from other parts of the state who is just passing through! Fun, huh!
- **Don't stress** over "fluffing" up your article! Other quilters are really interested in the types of programs you do, suggestions for service projects, and guest teachers. Guilds get some of their best ideas from these articles!
- You don't have to get fancy with the typing either. Just type your article right on the email you are sending me. I am probably going to change the font anyway to match the rest of the newsletter. Sometimes it is difficult to open attachments. It is really much easier just to copy and paste then make the necessary adjustments! :)
- Don't be upset if there are slight changes to what you have written. Sometimes space is an issue! The editor tries very hard not to leave out any important details!



Driving Instructions to the Thames Center at Copleh Lincoln Community College...

For those coming from the Jackson area, you will travel South on 1-55 to the Wesson Exit #51. There's a sign for Copleh-Lincoln Community College. You will travel EAST on Sylvarena Rd. to the intersection of Highway 51. Turn RIGHT onto Highway 51 and pass all the way through the town of Wesson. The campus entrance is just south of town. See map!

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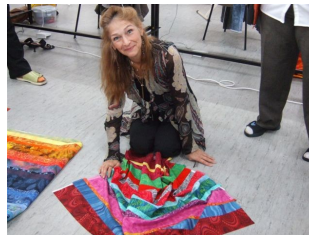
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with Marilyn Doheny

July 23-24 in Hattiesburg
July 25-26 in Jackson
July 27-28 in Starkville



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More information coming at the Spring Gathering in Brookhaven!

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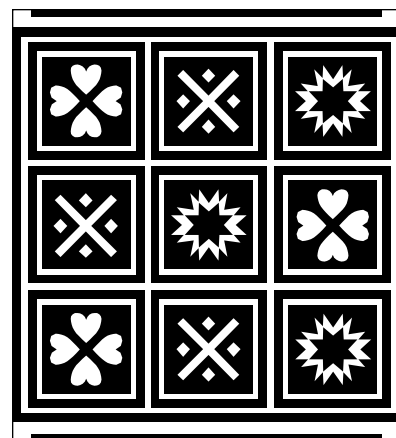
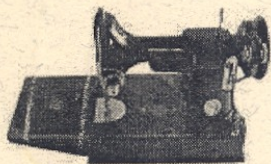
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221 Singer

*Sales, Service
Repair, Paint*

**208 Woodlawn Road
Starkville, MS 39759
662-323-2687**



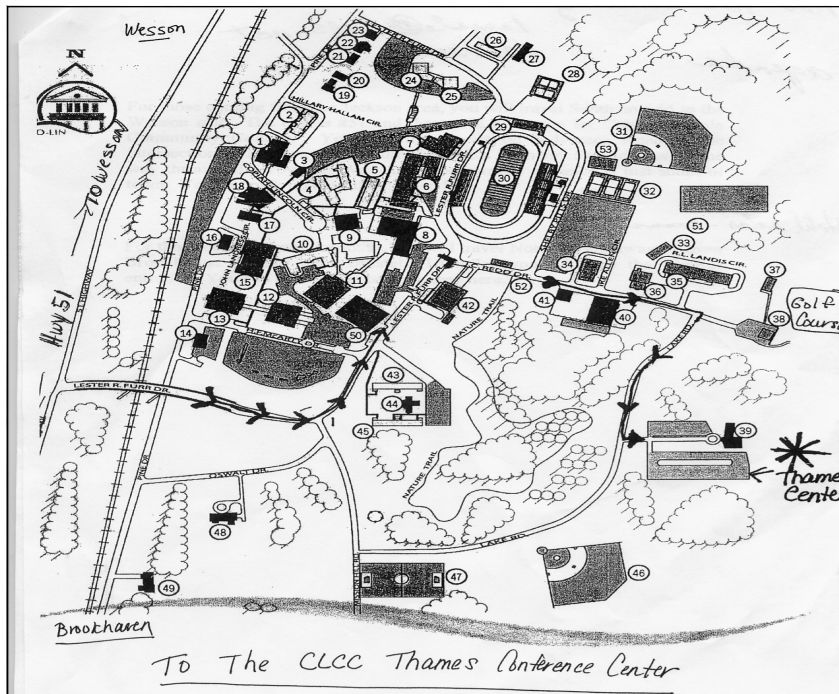
BEST WAY TO RECEIVE THE COMMON THREAD ON TIME!!!!

1. Always print your name and address legibly on all MQA information forms.
2. Be sure to notify the MQA Membership Director immediately if your address information changes. She sends that information to the Newsletter Editor!
3. If you have _, ., or any other mark in your email address, be sure to clearly indicate that on your membership form.

The route that this information then takes is:

- The membership director gets your membership form. She records your information in a table for ease of publication and for use by MQA officers.
- When it is time for the newsletter to go out, she then forwards the mailing information to the newsletter editor.
- The editor types the addresses on labels for regular mail.
- The editor then highlights a few email addresses at a time from the list and sends the *Common Thread* to MQA members who wish to receive it via email. Hopefully, this ensures that email recipients get their copy without delay!

What you need to know for the Feb. Gathering...



Driving Instructions to the Thames Center at Copiah Lincoln Community College...

For those coming from the Jackson area, you will travel South on I-55 to the Wesson Exit #51. There's a sign for Copiah-Lincoln Community College. You will travel EAST on Sylvarena Rd. to the intersection of Highway 51. Turn RIGHT onto Highway 51 and pass all the way through the town of Wesson. The campus entrance is just south of town. See map!

For those coming from the south, you will travel NORTH approximately 10 miles on Highway 51 from Brookhaven.

Meals provided by Copiah-Lincoln Community College...Served cafeteria style!

Friday Night

Ham and Cheese on a croissant
Sour Cream Potato Salad
Chips & Chocolate Chip Cookie

Cost: \$10.00

Saturday Lunch

Chicken Salad on Pita Bread
Fruit Salad
Chips & Chocolate Chip Cookie

Cost: \$9.00

Local Quilt Shop



Cotton Patch
840 Alburn Dr.
Bogue Chitto, MS 39269
1-601-823-1000

Vendors for February Gathering...

- Main Street Fabrics-Ackerman, MS-Christie Kelly
 - Stitch-N-Frame-Bovina, MS-Kay and Mark Elliott
 - Village Cloth Shoppe-Dekalb, MS-Carolyn Hobgood



Don't forget...

- Send your registration to Lucy
- Book your hotel room (See p. 1)
- Renew your MQA membership
- Send \$\$\$ for your meals
- Bring a sweater...sometimes the rooms are a little chilly
- Think about some fabric you need to finish a project or start a new one...we have GREAT vendors coming to the Gathering!
- Invite a friend

MQA Spring Gathering-February 24-25, 2012 Registration Form

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Registration Form for Spring Gathering—2012

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Remittance Enclosed:

Friday Meal _____ \$10.00

Saturday Meal _____ \$ 9.00

MQA Registration _____ \$15.00

Total _____

Don't forget to include your check!

Mail to: Lucy Large
210 Woodlake Dr.
Brandon, MS 39047

Questions: Call Lucy at 601-919-8222 or email her at largele@bellsouth.net

Mississippi Outstanding Quilter Nomination Form

The Mississippi Quilt Association was founded in 1991 to enhance the art of quilting in Mississippi and established the MS Quilt Legacy Committee in 2005. The purpose is to execute the search and documentation process and record the works of outstanding Mississippi quilters. This project would document the quilter's collection of quilts from everyday quilts to Sunday quilts. Please help us locate and recognize our state's quilters for future generations to enjoy.

Outstanding Quilter 2012

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

How long has the quilter been making quilts? _____

How many quilts has the quilter completed? _____ Where are the quilts today? _____

Describe the type of quilts made.pieced, hand quilted, appliqué, machine quilted, tied, etc _____

Does the quilter have a special technique or method, a unique style, use predominate fabrics or theme in the quilts? _____

Why do you think this quilter is exceptional and should be documented and recorded for future reference? _____

Attach a story, picture, and other information about the quilter and their collection.

Nominator's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Relationship to quilter _____

If you have questions call. Joan Alliston 601-825-4074 or Georgia Polk 601-825-8105

Mail & postmark by April 15, 2012 to Joan Alliston, 444 Busick Well Road, Brandon MS 39042

- **Include application, pictures of at least two quilts, and quilt measurements.**

You will be notified in late April and you will deliver your quilt in late May. Quilts will hang from June to October 2012 at the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum.

Mississippi Quilt Association Membership Form

Dues are \$15 payable to Mississippi Quilt Association (MQA)

Please print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ County: _____

Home Phone (including area code): _____

Cell Phone (including area code): _____

Email Address : _____

Common Thread, MQA newsletter

Please check one:

I would like to receive the *Common Thread* by email.

I would prefer to receive a copy of the newsletter by US mail.

MQA Membership Directory:

I give permission to MQA to publish my information (as completed above)
in the annual Membership Directory.

Yes

No

Please check one:

I would like to receive the Membership Directory by email.

I would prefer to receive a copy of the Membership Directory by US mail.

Please send completed form with payment to:

Mississippi Quilt Association (MQA)
C/O Jere' Funk, MQA Membership Director
7024 Pinehurst Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564-9151

BALLOT FOR ELECTED OFFICERS...

NOMINEE for President Elect 2012 / President 2013:

Jean Tichner: APPROVE: _____ Other Nominee: _____

NOMINEE for Secretary 2012:

Linda Jabour: APPROVE _____ Other Nominee: _____

We will collect ballots/votes at the February Gathering business meeting. If you are not attending, you may return your ballot to Lucy Large, 210 Woodlake Drive, Brandon MS 39047. Or you may email her at largele@bellsouth.net with your vote. Thank you!

Mississippi Quilt Association
Debra Sikes
220 Huntington Hollow
Brandon, MS 39047